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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT

Affairs of the Sri Harihara-Iswara Swamy Temple Harihar

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 512-11

FILE HEADING.

Affairs of the Sri Harihareswara Swamy Temple at Harihar -

From

The Dy. Commr., Chitaldrug Distt

No. 277 Dated 5. 1. 1912 Received

Diary No. 1014	Enclos. -	Spare Copies. -	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Reports that it is not advisable to entrust the management of the temple affairs to the Dharmadarsis and recommends that the present grant may be increased by ~~Rs~~ 400/.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The Dy Commr states among other things, that one of the Dharmadarsis was a Sanbag who was made responsible for the correct compilation of the accounts under the supervision of the other Dharmadarsis, that a sum of Rs 15/-

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was being paid to the Sanbog as remunera-tion for his work and that the Sub-Divn. officer has removed him temporarily from office for certain irregularities committed by him.

2 From, Srinivas Sitarama Kulkarni, Sanbog

Petition dy 7-3-1912.

States that the Sanbogi is hereditary in his family and prays that the post may be continued to him.

R. Secretary's order:— Please put up refs if any have been received.

Submitted with a Dft. calling for the Vernacular records

AV (132) 12-3-1912

Issue, as proposed

7.5.12

3 To the Dy Comr, Chitaldrug Dist

No. 2762 d 17.5.1912

Advertising with refs petn from Srinivas and calls for a report in the matter.

4 From, the D.C. Chitaldrug Dist

Letter no 507 dy 5-6-1912

Solicits early orders regarding the management of Sri Kashivishwanath—

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Swamy Temple

Submitted with a Dft inviting the Dy Commrs attention to Sl.3

AV 14.6.12

Issue

14/6/12

R. Dis. No. 3043 dt 21.6.12.

4. From, The Dy Commr, Chidambaram Divn

Letter no 52 Dy 27-7-1912.

Reports on the petition of S.S Kulkarni complaining of his removal from the Sambogi of Sri Hariharesvara Swamy Temple at Haridar.

The Dy Commr reports that the petr had been ordered to be removed temporarily from office by Mr K. Krishna Iyer, Senior Asstt Commr, with a view to bring the instn under efficient managt, that no body having turned up to take the place of the petr and all the Dharmakartas except one having recommended that he might be continued as the Sambog, he was not actually disturbed and has been attending to his work as before, and submits the documents produced by the petr to prove his hereditary hak- The Dy. Commr adds that if Govt sanction the proposals refd to in Sl.1, it will be necessary to appoint a separate official for writing up the accounts and that the petr may be [illegible]

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Hakdar Sanbag for the Temple

Submits for orders

BV 6/8/12

The Present Sanbhog Srinivasa Sitaram Kulkarni being the Hakdar Sanbhog as the Dy Com.r recognises, his displacement seems out of the question, Especially as nobody else is started to have come forward to do his duties.

As for the management of the temple itself the Dy Com.r makes 2 alternative proposals - viz.

1) either to increase the grant by 400 Rs per year so as to make up the amt required for all the Vitya Kaike & Hetalu Kaike services now being performed for several years past, the present income being inadequate & supplemented by the increased interest which the amt with the Dharmadarsis, is fetching.

2) or to let the Dharmadarsis manage the affairs of the temple as hitherto subject to the control of Govt officers as per para 4 of his letter No. 277 § 5-1-12.

It is very doubtful if such a strict supervision as is recommended by the Dy Com.r will ensure efficient management of the temple affairs.

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If the second alternative proposal be sanctd by Govt (as the Dy Cmr will involve a grant of 400 Rs per year), it seems sufficient to allow one of the Dharmadarsis to manage the temple affairs and submit a daily income & expe statt to the other Dharmadarsis and to the Dy amildar; together with a copy of their proceedings of monthly meetings to the latter Offcr.

Orders solicited.

RL

7/8/12

5. From, the Dy Commr, Chitaldrug Distt

Letter no. 263 dy 2-1-1913

Requests that very early orders may be issued in the case to enable him to provide the necessary funds for the celebration of the annual "Rathotsava" which comes off about the middle of Febry. next.

The Dy Commr has also written demi-officially on the subject to the Dr. Secretary-

Submts for orders

AV (132) 3.1.13 RL

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In the circumstances reported by the Dr Court in his letter of the 27th July last (¶ 4) there appears to be no necessity to disturb the present Shanbogue from his post. The temple

As regards the future management of the temple affairs, it will obviously be inexpedient to make this temple an exception to the general rules and sanction the somewhat elaborate arrangements proposed by the Dr Court in para 4 of his letter dated 5th Jany/12. The Dr Court himself admits that the proposals involve "a material departure from the principles accepted by Govt" and he is "personally not much in favour of them". The idea, therefore, of entrusting the moneys of the temple in the hands of the Dharmadarsis and allowing them to launch out in transactions of loans &c, must be given up as impracticable.

At the same time it is not also possible to enhance the present Govt grant for Establishment Charges of Rs 600/- per annum, by another Rs 400/- for Vidyapeeta & Hatchupeeta

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Charges There is no means of giving such additional grants, and the sum proposed is, it will also be observed, comparatively large.

The system of the Dharmadarsis granting private loans from private funds having been properly stopped under standing orders, and the said amounts having been deposited in the Govt Treasury the annual income from that source has become necessarily reduced, and there being no other source of increasing the income, the only course left is to reduce the expenditure of the temple. As to how this can best be brought about must be a matter for decision by the Dharmadarsis and the local authorities. If it is considered undesirable to reduce the Nityagatis & Naimittika charges to any large extent, they may propose reducing the establishment charges and devoting a portion of the savings to the first-mentioned charges. The full Govt. grant of Rs 600/- per annum may be continued

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though it may not all be devoted to establishment charges. More than this it does not seem feasible for govt. to do on behalf of this temple.

1st Councillor) bz 27/1/13

The amount said to be available is not much (about 600 Rs) and it is inexpedient to allow it to be managed in an exceptional manner as proposed. Unless the Dy C. can point out any lapsed unutilised grants in the Distt. which may be transferred no such grant can be sanctioned. The only way seems to be to propose retrenchment & manage this office in 1912 with the money available.

Issue an order to this effect.

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	Submitted with a Dft. order AV(132) 11.2.1913
	Issue at once - 11.2.13
6	To The Dy Comm Chilaloongo dtd no 939 d 11.2.1913 Observing that no new grants can be sanctioned & suggesting that it is ~~essential~~ desirable to make re-trenchment.

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No 247 Hus D 1014 5-12-11-1

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldroog District.

Dated Chitaldroog, 5th January 1912.

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From

K. Chandy Esquire B. A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
C H I T A L D R O O G.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B. A.,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
(Muzrai) B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that Harihareswaraswamy Temple at Harihar is one of the major institutions in the District, the management of which was partly under Government and partly under Dharmadarsees. The establishment charges thereof, are being met from the State Grant of Rs 600/- per annum. The Deputy Amildar had control over the establishment entertained therein. As regards Nityagatle and Hechugatle charges, the Dharmadarsees had the sole management, as the same was met from the interest realise on pudivat funds (Rs 4,407) tendered from time to time by the devotees of the institution and kept with the Dharmadarsees for investment at a rate of interest from 12 to 18%. Muzrai officers had very little to do with these funds from a long time past.

2. When Mr. Krishna Iyer, Senior Assistant Commissioner, Davanagere Sub-Division, inspected the temple as per Government Order No. 207-16/Mus 757-09-2 dated 12 November 09 he observed some irregularities in the working of the institution and proposed that the pudivat funds should not be left in the hands of the Dharmadarsees for investment in private loans on their own responsibility, and that the whole balance remaining

with them might be kept in the Treasury as Muzrai funds at the credit of the institution. The proposal was approved and the balance of Rs 1170 was recovered from them and credited to Treasury.

3. Now, the Dharmadarsees complain that if the pudivat amount is invested either in Government of India Pro-notes or in the Government Savings Bank, the interest realised thereon at 3 to 3½% cannot meet the Nityagatle and Hechugatle charges of the temple. Their contention is of course true but the difficulty is about the management of the funds independent of Government control. They however promised to bind themselves to Government to make good any loss that may be incurred in transacting business negligently or wilfully. According to the estimate based on the actuals of the past 5 years, the charges (excluding establishment charges) comes to Rs 900 per annum, the whole of which is being collected by the Dharmadarsees as detailed below:-

About Rs 550 realised from the interest on private loans.
----Do-- 250 realised from temple properties (buildings & lands)
----Do-- 100 Miscellaneous receipts.

Rs 900.

One of the Dharmadarsees was a shanbhogue who was made responsible for the correct compilation of the accounts under the supervision of the other Dharmadarsees. A sum of Rs 15 was being paid to him as remuneration for his work. The Sub-Division Officer has removed him temporarily from office for certain irregularities committed by him.

4. For the efficient management of this historic temple much frequented by people from all parts of India on account of its celebrity as Guharanyakshetra, it appears to be necessary to give this a special treatment unlike others. I am not prepared to suggest the curtailment of any Nityagatle or Hechugatle charges obtaining from time immemorial. If the Government are not prepared to deviate, to some extent, in the enforcement of their

rulings, in the case of this institution, an additional grant of Rs 400Ø- may kindly be made annually to preserve the continuity of the celebrations therein; otherwise the Dharmadarsees will have to be entrusted with the management thereof as hitherto. If the latter course be deemed feasible, the following are some of the precautions that may be taken:-

(1) The shanbhogues pay should be increased from Rs 15 to 60 per annum. The office need not be made hereditary as a selection can be made from among the persons available for appointment, and the Deputy Amildar will have disciplinary control over him.

(2) The shanbhogue should maintain a bound cash book (ruled and numbered) in which he should enter all transactions of the day and obtain the initials of the Dharmadarsee who will be selected to look after the work for a definite period to be decided later on.

(3) A sum not exceeding Rs 100 may be kept with the managing Dharmadarsee for the time being, any excess over this being remitted to the Government Savings Bank account in the name of the temple and invested from time to time as per para 4. When the balance falls short of Rs 50, a sum not exceeding that to make up the imprest amount, may be withdrawn from the Savings Bank account by the managing Dharmadarsee himself.

(4) Whenever a loan is applied for, it should be supported by two Dharmadarsees as to the solvency and character of the applicant On the security of one of the Dharmadarsees the loan may be granted by the managing member after the execution of a mortgage bond duly registered. All new loans should be issued with the approval of the Deputy Amildar.

(5) The iron safe ordered to be supplied for the use of temple may be kept in the Sub-Taluk, all the valuables including the bonds being lodged therein. The managing member may alone be permitted to keep in and take out any article or document wanted for use or reference.

(6) The shanbhogue and the managing Dharmadarsee should be made personally responsible for the timely collection of both interest and principal as they fall due.

(7) The Dharmadarsees should allot funds for the several items of expenditure as per sanctioned scale, which will be submitted.

(8) A regular periodical inspection of accounts etc should be conducted once in three months by the Deputy Amildar and once a year by the Sub-Division Officer or the Deputy Commissioner.

(9) Dharmadarsees should meet once a month on or before the 10th of each month and record their proceedings after going through the receipts and expenditure of the preceding month

(10) In all doubtful points the Dharmadarsees should seek the instructions of the Deputy Amildar or the Sub-Division officer and the latter officer may, if necessary, apply for the Deputy Commissioner's decision.

(11) In addition to the cash book, the shanbhogue should maintain such of the registers and accounts as may be prescribed from time to time by the Deputy Commissioner.

(12) Monthly and annual accounts of receipts and expenditure should be rendered to the Deputy Amildar. A copy of the monthly proceedings should also be submitted to him.

5. The above proposal involves a material departure from the principles accepted by Government. I am personally not much in favor of them and think that a safer and wiser course will be to increase the grant by Rs 400, invest the funds in Government securities and bring this institution also more completely under control of the Muzrai Department. If however, there are difficulties about increasing the grant, action on some lines, like the above is necessary, as it will be a pity to reduce the scale of expenditure that has been in vogue for so many years.

6. The favor of very early orders is solicited.

7. As the Dharmadarsees are reluctant to accept responsibility unless left in management as before and as the car festival, for which a large expenditure and a great deal of personal attention are both necessary, is very near, I am directing the Assistant Commissioner to take action on the lines proposed in this letter pending the orders of Government.

8. The scale of expenditure can be submitted for sanction only after the grant is increased, or after the present syster of granting the loans is approved as otherwise it will be difficult to cut down expenditure so as to bring it within the reduced income from Government securities.

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

S.V. Chitaldroog District.

Dft. for approval

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From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To

The Dy. Commr,

Dated Chitaldrug 15th

Despatched 17th May 1912

Received

General No. 2762

Mun No. 542-11-3

Enclosure No. 1.

Adverting to his Letter no. 277 dy 5th Jany 1912 reporting on the management of the affairs of Sri Harihareswara Swamy Temple at Harihar, has the honor to request that the entire Vernacular records bearing on the

forward herewith the accept dy 7th March 1912 from S.S. Kulkarni stating that the Mankopai is hereditary in his family and praying that the post may be confd to him, and to request that a report on the matter may be kindly submitted.

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Subject may kindly
be submitted for reference.
The petn may also be retd

By order

7.5.12

for Secy. Secretary.

12/3/12

DIARY No 1995

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From The Deputy Commissioner
572-11
Chitaldrug District

To The Secretary.
General & Rev Depts.

Dated Bangalore
Despatched 5th / 6th June 1912

Received

General No. 507
No.

Enclosure No.

Soliciting Early orders regarding the management of Hari-hareswara temple at Harihar.

GPB—1,50,000—20-6-11

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No. 507

Office of the Deputy

Chitaldrug Distr

Dated Chitaldrug, 5th June 1912.

6th

From

K. Chandy Esquire B. A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

C h i t a l d r u g.

To

K. R. Srinivasiengar Esquire M. A.,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments(Muzrai)

S I R, B a n g a l o r e.

In continuation of my letter No. 277 dated 5th January 1912, re the management of the Harihareswaraswamy temple at Harihar, I have the honor to request that early orders of Government may kindly be obtained, as the institution has been losing a decent amount of interest on the sums now held in deposit under Muzrai funds. Besides the Dharmadarsees every now and then demand payment of money for current expenses. In the absence of definite orders for the adjustment of receipts and expenditure of the institution, I find it difficult to attend to the several requisitions sent up from time to time by the Dharmadarsees thereof.

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

K Chandy

Deputy Commissioner,

S.V. Chitaldrug District.

G.R.S. 29A.

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From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To

The Dy Commr
chitaldrug Dist

Dated

Despatched 19th June 1912

Received

General No. 3043

Jmss No. 512-11-4

Enclosure No.

Adverting to his
Letter no 507 Dy 5th June
1912
Soliciting early orders regard
the management of Sri
Harihareswara Swamy Tem
at Harihar, I has the h
to invite attention to h
office docket no. 2762 da
14th May 1912 requesting
Return of the Verna record
the case together with
report on the petition of
the Sanbog Sowcars

Sitarama Kulkarni

By order,

14/6/12

for O/C Secretary

14.6.12

From The Dr Comm'r of Chitaldroog

To The Secy to Govt Genl & Rev Depts Mussoorie Bangalore

Dated

Despatched 27 Jun 1912

Received

General No. 52
No.

Enclosure No. 2 Hlgs & 1 Pet

DIARY No. 191

19/2/13
SECTION Mus
FILE NO. 512-11
SERIAL NO. 14

Reporting on the petition of S. S Kulkarni Shanbhag attached to Hanchanabara to furnish a sample of cows dung for Harihar

No 52
15 Feby 1913.

Office of the Deputy

Chitaldrug District.

Dated Chitaldrug, 27th July 1912.

From

K. Chandy Esquire B. A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

C h i t a l d r u g.

To

... R. Srinivasiengar Esquire M. A.,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments,

(Cubbon Park)

B a n g a l o r e.

I F,

In reply to your docket No. 2762/Muz 512-11-3 dated the 17th May 1911 forwarding for report a petition dated 7th March 1912 from ... Subbarao, shanbhogue attached to the Harihareswaraswamy temple at Harihar, I have the honor to state that the petitioner had been ordered to be removed temporarily from office by Mr.K.Krishna Iyer, former Assistant Commissioner then in charge of the Davanagere Sub-Division with a view to bring the institution under efficient management.(vide para 18 of his inspection notes dated 4th June 1911 herewith submitted for favor of perusal.) As no body turned up to take the place of the petitioner and as all the Dharmadarsees except one Mr.Balaji Row recommended that he might be continued to do the duties of the shanbhogee office, he was not actually disturbed and has been attending to his work as before. The documents produced by the shanbhogue to prove his hereditary hak are herewith submitted.

2 If Government sanction the proposals submitted in this office No. 977 dated 6th January 1912 it will be necessary to appoint a separate official for writing up the accounts and the petitioner may be styled hakdar shanbhogue for the temple.

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

K. Chandy

Deputy Commissioner,

R. Chandy

DIARY No. 433

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FILE No. 572-11

From The Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug Dist

To The Secretary. Genl & Rev. (Muzrai) Dept Bangalore.

Dated

Despatched 3rd Sept 1912.

Received

General No. 125

No.

Enclosure No. 1

Forwarding an application dated 21st August 1912 from the Dharmadarsi of the Harihareswara Temple at Harihar.

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Office of the Deputy C

Chitaldrug District

Dated Chitaldrug, 3rd September 1912.

From

K. Chandy Esquire B. A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

C h i t a l d r u g.

To

K. R. Srinivasiengar Esquire M. A.,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments(Muzrai),

B a n g a l o r e.

S I R,

In continuation of my letter No. 52 dated the 27th July last, re the management of the Harihareswara Swamy Temple at Harihar, I have the honor to forward herewith the petition date the 21st August 1912 received from the Dharmadarsees thereof, and to request that orders of Government may kindly be obtained early.

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

K Chandy

Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

S.V.

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From The Offg: Deputy Commissioner
Chittagong

DIARY No. 1060

19 JAN 13

To The Secretary to the Government
General & Rev. Departments
JUDICIAL No. 5 (Omissan)
Bengal

Dated

Despatched 22nd January 1913

Received

General No. 263.
No.

Enclosure No.

Requesting early orders to provide necessary funds for the celebration of the annual Rathotsavam of Hariharesvara Swamy at Hariharam

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Office of the Deputy

Chitaldrug District.

Dated Chitaldrug, 2nd January 1913.

From

K. Krishna Iyer Esquire,

Officiating Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug.

To

R. Srinivasiengar Esquire M. A.,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments (Muzrai),

Bangalore.

S I R,

With reference to the correspondence relating to the affairs of the Harihareswara Temple at Harihar ending with my letter No. 125 dated 3rd September 1912, I have the honor to request that very early orders may be issued to enable me to provide the necessary funds for the celebration of the annual " Rathotsavam " which comes off about the middle of February next.

As the preparations for the celebration has to be put in hand almost immediately, I beg that Government will be pleased to pass early orders on the subject.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

S.V.

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Routine Notes.

To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record

VII
Replied - Please put up the papers immediately on receipt of the reply. 5/1/13

Chitaldrug.
2nd January 1913.

Dear Mr. Ramaswamiah,

I have sent an official letter to-day No. 263 dated 2nd January 1913 addressed to Secretary to Government requesting for early orders on the affairs of the Harihareswara temple at Harihar.

The annual Kathotsavam comes on about the middle of next month and preparations and arrangements have to be put in hand immediately.

I request that you will give this matter your personal attention and let me have early orders to enable me to provide the necessary funds.

Yours sincerely,

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File No. 512-11

Serial No 20

Diary No of letter replied to 1060/433

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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Date of issue 10-2-1913

Signed by M. Rangaswamaiya

READ—

Correspondence ending with Letter no 263 Dy 2-2 Jany 1913 from the Dy Commr, Chitaldrug Distt, recommending the Continuance of the system of the Dharmadarshi granting private loans from Perpetual funds of Sri Harihareswara Swamy Temple at Harihar on the enhancement of the

over

~~ORDER THEREON.—No.~~

SUBJECT.

Annual Gant grant of Rs 500
for establishment charges in
the Temple, by Rs 400 for
Nitya Katle and Nedelungatle
Charges on ~~and regulating carly orders~~
~~to enable him to provide~~

Order Thereon — Dº 939 Encl file D
Mur 512-11-6

11. 2. 1913

The amount said to be
available is not ~~much (about~~ Considerable
~~Rs 600 Rs)~~ and it is inexpedient
to allow ~~it~~ the pudneal funds to be managed
in an exceptional manner as
proposed. Unless the Dy Commr
can point out any unutilised
grants in the Dist which may
be transferred, no new grants
can be sanctioned. The only
way seems to be to propose
retrenchment and manage
the affairs with the money
available.

The problem of granting loans to private individuals should therefore be discontinued at once

2) After the entrance ment of the Sale Tax it is observed that

11.2.13

DR (Cro. order) For Chief Secretary

GPB—30,000—2-10-11

RG
10/2/13

To/ The Dy. Commr, Chittar Dist. returning the records.